(b) if so, the total loss suffered by the Government from December 6, 1992 to till date;

(c) whether there was a decline in foreign tourists inflow during the last three months; and

(d) what steps the Government is taking to bring back the tourism industry on trials?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD). (a) and (b) There has been a decline of about 10.9 per cent in tourist arrivals during the period from January to April 1993 as compared to the same period of the previous year due to various events including the Ayodhya incident and the agitation in Indian Airlines. It is not possible to quantify the loss as it is primarily the private sector which receives the tourist expenditure.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The steps being taken by the Government to attract more tourists to the country include launching of reassurance campaigns in the overseas markets, inviting travel writers and media persons to visit India to emphasise the safety of tourists in the country and improving tourist facilities and attractions in coordination with the State Governments and the private sector.

C.B.I. probe into A-320 deal

1575. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 388 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd March, 1993 and state:

(a) what are the facts of the case regarding the Airbus A-320 deal as per the FIR registered by the C. B. I. on the 29th March, 1990;

(b) what are the names of persons and parties involved in the case as per the CBI Report;

(c) what is the amount of kick-backs etc. involved in the deal;

(d) what is the basis on which the case was registered by CBI for investigation; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to expedite the case which has been pending with CBI for investigation for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) On the basis of source information and examination of official records, the Central Bureau of Investigation had registered a case against the following persons/parties for alleged corruption in the matter of purchase of Airbus A-300 aircraft by Indian Airlines.

1. Shri S. S. Sidhu, formerly Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation.

2. Capt. K. Chadha, formerly Managing Director, Indian Airlines.

3. Shri R. Prasad, formerly Managing Director, Indian Airlines.

4. Capt. B. K. Bhasin, then Dy. Managing Director, Indian Airlines.

5. Concerned Directors/Partners/Employees including agents/representatives of M/s Airbus Industries, France.

6. Concerned Directors/Partners/Employees including agents/representatives of International Aero Engines, USA having registered office in Switzerland.

7. Certain public servants of the Government of India.

8. Certain persons who acted agents/middlemen and certain persons other than middlemen and public servants.

Most of the investigation in India has been completed. The investigation in foreign countries is still in progress. CBI is in constant touch with the concerned authorities abroad to expedite the investigation. The amount of kick-back involved is under investigation.

Closing of "Kanchan Junga" Booking office of I A at Delhi

1576. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines Northern Region has closed down the "Kanchan Junga" Booking office at Bara Khamba Road;

(b) what are the reasons for closing down the "Kanchan Junga" office; office;

(c) whether it is also a fact that after closing the Kanchan Junga Booking office the sale of the city's office is reduced by 2 crores and provide good business to the private taxi operators; and

(d) if so, what action is being taken by the Government to re-open the Kanchan Junga Booking office in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Indian Air lines booking office at Kanchan Junga building, Bara Khamba Road was closed down due to a fire in the building.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Indian Airlines has not taken any decision yet.

उत्तर प्रदेश के हवाई अड्डों पर अपहरण की घटनाएं

@1577. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

@पूर्वत: अतारांकित प्रश्न 1160/28 अप्रैल 1993, से स्थानान्तरित ।

(क) पिछले तीन महीनों के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश के हवाई अड्डों पर विमान अपहरण की कितनी घटनाओं का पता चला है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि हवाई अड्डों पर सुरक्षा व्यवस्था न होने के कारण अपहरण की घटनाएं हुई हैं जैसा कि दिनांक 14 अप्रैल, 1993 के जनसत्ता में "सुरक्षा की कलई खोली" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत समाचार प्रकाशित हुआ है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सुरक्षा कर्मियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्रवाई की गई है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) गत 3 महीनों के दौरान (अर्थात् 1.2.93 से 30-4-93 तक) उत्तर प्रदेश में अपहरण की एक घटना हुई थी।

(ख) और (ग) इस घटना में कोई सुरक्षा भूल नहीं हुई थी क्योंकि अपहरणकर्ता कोई हथियार, विस्फोटक सामग्री नहीं ले जा रहे थे। तथापि, नागर विमानन प्रचालन की सुरक्षा से संबंधित एजेंसियों को सतर्क कर दिया गया है कि वे तोड़ फोड़ विरोधी, अपहरण-विरोधी और पहुंच नियंत्रण उपायों को कड़ाई से लागू करें।

इंडियन एयरलाइंस के विमानों को पट्टे पर दिया जाना

1578. **श्री मूलचन्द मीणा :**

क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारतीय वाणिज्यिक विमान चालक संघ ने यह शिकायत की है कि इंडियन एयरलाइंस ने बिना कोई निविदा आदि मंगाये ही कुछ निजी कंपनियों को अत्यधिक मंहगे विमानों को पट्टे पर दे दिया है ;